1. (Twice Amended) An inorganic compound sol comprising a dispersion medium having a dielectric constant of from 10 to 85 and, dispersed therein, inorganic compound particulates having average particle size from about 11 to about 30 nm whose surface has been modified by an organic compound which is selected from the class consisting of vinylsilane compounds, acrylsilane compounds, epoxysilane compounds, aminosilane compounds, γ-mercaptopropyltrimethoxysilane and γ-chloropropyltrimethoxysilane, exhibiting a molecular polarizability of from 2×10^{-40} to 850×10^{-40} $C^2m^2J^{-1}$, wherein the inorganic compound particulates are composite oxide particulates composed of silica and at least one inorganic oxide other than silica.

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REMARKS

Claims 1 and 4 are pending in the application. Claim 4 has been canceled. Claim 1 remains in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application as amended is requested.

The Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. The Examiner maintains that the specification, while being enabling for sols wherein the dispersing medium has a dielectric constant of 10 to 85, does not reasonably provide enablement for all sols having a dispersing medium of unspecified dielectric constant or more specifically a dielectric constant of less than 10.

Claim 1 has been amended so that the dispersion medium has a dielectric constant of from 10 to 85, and so that the organic compound is selected from vinylsilane compounds,